A system comprising:

- a least three processors; and
- an optical transceiver coupled to each processor,
- 3 each transceiver including a wavelength division
- 4 multiplexer to enable optical communication with the other
- 5 two processors.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1 wherein each transceiver
- 2 includes an optical transmitter including a laser.
- 1 3. The system of claim \(\) wherein each transceiver
- 2 includes an optical receiver tunable to a particular input
- 3 wavelength.
- 1 4. The system of claim 1 wherein each processor is
- 2 assigned a wavelength for communicating with the other
- 3 processors.
- 1 5. The system of claim 1 wherein said transceiver
- 2 includes a reflective wavelength coupler.
- 1 6. The system of claim 5 wherein said reflective
- 2 wavelength coupler includes an elliptical reflector.

- 7. The system of claim 6 wherein said coupler
- 2 includes an dispersive element to disperse light reflected
- 3 by said reflector.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7 wherein said dispersive
- 2 element includes a microelectromechanical structure.
- 1 9. The system of claim 1 wherein each transceiver
- 2 transmits a light beam together with a code identifying a
- 3 sending and a receiving prodessor.
- 1 10. The system of claim 1 wherein, when one processor
- 2 is receiving a wavelength division multiplexed signal from
- another processor, the one processor broadcasts to all
- 4 other processors that the one processor is busy.
- 1 11. A method comprising:
- establishing a system including at least three
- 3 processors; and
- 4 enabling optical communications between said
- 5 processors using wavelength division multiplexing.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11 including assigning a
- 2 unique wavelength to each of said processors.

- 1 13. The method of claim 11 including scanning for the wavelengths of any of said other processors.
- 1 14. The method of claim 13 including transmitting a
 2 light beam having a predetermined wavelength, and
- 3 transmitting a code that indentifies the transmitting
- 4 processor and the intended receiving processor.
- 1 15. The method of claim 14 wherein the receiving 2 processor identifies the wavelength of the incoming beam 3 and the code accompanying said beam, and locks to the 4 wavelength of the transmitting processor.
- 1 16. The method of claim 15 including notifying a 2 first processor when a second processor is receiving a beam 3 from a third processor.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16 including broadcasting the 2 fact that the second processor is receiving a beam to all 3 other processors in the system.
- 1 18. The method of claim 17 indicating when said 2 second processor is no longer communicating with said third 3 processor.

- 1 19. The method of claim 19 including using a code 2 transmitted by the third processor to determine if a given 3 processor is the intended recipient of a beam transmitted 4 from the third processor.
- 1 20. The method of claim 11 including optically 2 interconnecting each of said processors.
- 21. An article comprising a medium storing
 instructions that enable a first processor-based system to:
 identify a light communication from a second
 processor-based system intended for said first processorbased system;
 tune to said wavelength; and
 notify a third processor-based system that said

first processor-based system is tuned to said wavelength.

- 1 22. The article of claim 21 further storing
 2 instructions that enable the first processor-based system
 3 to scan through a plurality of wavelengths of other
 4 processor-based systems to identify a signal intended for
 5 said first processor-based system.
- 23. The article of claim 21 further storing instructions that enable the first processor-based system to receive a code that indicates whether a given light

- 4 communication is intended to be sent to said first
- 5 processor-based system.
- 1 24. The article of claim 23 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable said first processor-based system
- 3 to tune to said wavelength to the exclusion of other
- 4 wavelengths.
- 1 25. The article of claim 24 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable said first processor-based system
- 3 to broadcast a signal indicating that said first processor-
- 4 based system is tuned exclusively to said wavelength.
- 1 26. The article of claim 25 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the first processor-based system
- 3 to notify a third processor-based\system when said first
- 4 processor-based system is no longer engaged in a
- 5 communication with said second prodessor-based system.
- 1 27. The article of claim 21 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable said first processor-based system
- 3 to identify a second processor-based system to communicate
- 4 with and to determine whether said sedond processor-based
- 5 system is currently occupied with a communication with
- 6 another processor-based system.

- 1 28. The article of claim 21 further storing 2 instructions that enable said first processor-based system 3 to communicate with at least two other processor-based 4 systems using optical communications and wavelength 5 division multiplexing.
- 29. The article of claim 28 further storing instructions that enable said first processor-based system to communicate with other processor-based systems using an assigned wavelength.
- 30. The article of claim 29 further storing instructions that enable said first processor-based system to transmit a code that identifies said first processorbased system and an intended receiving processor-based system.